



Ride Safe Program Success



The Ride Safe Child Passenger Safety Program is a Head Start-based child passenger safety program that provides curriculum, child safety seats, and training to Head Start staff, parents, and community partners.

St. Croix Head Start, Wisconsin, partners with the Honoring Our Children Program to provide child safety seats to Head Start and other children on the Reservation. Tessa Roen, a young mother, received a child safety seat from the Ride Safe Program for her 1-1/2 year old daughter Vanessa LeeAnn. Tessa credits the child safety seat for saving her daughter's life during a car crash on April 2, 2004. During the crash, they were rear-ended by a car driving about 55 mph. The crash severed their car's rear axle and then caused the back seat to buckle. Fortunately, Vanessa was safely secured in her child safety seat and suffered no significant injuries.



My Name is Tessa Roen I am 22
old. I have a daughter that is 1 1/2
years old her Name is Vanessa LeeAnn. We
were in a Car Accident on April 2, 2004.
We were at a Complete Stop on
1st and Woodward in Chippewa Falls.
When all of a sudden I got hit in
The rear by a Car that was going
about 55 mph. She broke my rear
axle in half and made my back
seat buckle. Vanessa's Carseat was
on The Passenger (backseat), right where
The seat buckled. If I wouldn't have
had her in a Carseat her spine
would have been broken. She could
have been paralyzed, or worst of
all she could have been dead.
Thank you so much for providing
me and my daughter with that Car-
seat. It saved my daughters life. I
would recommend everyone keep your
Infants and Toddlers in a Carseat Cause
Things could happen in One second
or even less. Please Take my Advice
Cause it saved my daughters life.
Thanks Again.

Tessa M. Roen

"Thank you so much for providing me and my daughter with that carseat. It saved my daughter's life..." Tessa M. Roen

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